PATENT APPLICATION

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q56519

Taizo AKIMOTO

Appln. No.: 09/461,308

Group Art Unit: 1634

Confirmation No.: 3646

Examiner: F. LU

Filed: December 15, 1999

For:

TEST PIECE AND QUANTITATIVE METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AN

ORGANISM-ORIENTED SUBSTANCE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Final Office Action dated July 22, 2003, from October 22, 2003, to January 22, 2004.

A check for the statutory fee of \$950.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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